

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 2001-698

NOVEMBER 21, 2001

NORCOM, INC.
Petition for Finding of Public Convenience
And Necessity to Provide Facilities-Based
Local Exchange Services

ORDER GRANTING AUTHORITY
TO PROVIDE FACILITIES-BASED LOCAL
EXCHANGE SERVICE

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

In this Order, the Commission grants Norcom, Inc. (Norcom) the authority to provide UNE-P, facilities-based competitive local exchange service in the service area of Verizon-Maine,

I. APPROVAL OF APPLICATION TO SERVE

On October 9, 2001, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. §§ 2102 and 2105, Norcom filed a petition with the Commission requesting authority to provide facilities-based local exchange telephone service in Maine. In Docket No.2000-658, Norcom has previously obtained authority from the Commission to provide resold local exchange service.

II. SERVICE TERRITORY

Norcom initially requested authority to provide facilities-based local exchange service in all areas served by Verizon-Maine. It later amended its request to specify that it will provide only UNE-P facilities-based local exchange service. As a UNE-P provider, Norcom will not need to obtain its own numbering resources. If Norcom wishes to expand its facilities-based authority to include services requiring Norcom to obtain its own numbering resources, it shall seek approval pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. §2102, requesting the Commission to amend this Order. Any such request must specify the specific exchanges where it proposes to offer service and include information establishing a readiness to provide facilities-based local exchange service within six months in the specifically identified areas.

III. ORDERING PARAGRAPHS

Accordingly, we

1. Grant, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. §§ 2102 and 2105, the request of Norcom to provide UNE-P facilities-based competitive local exchange telephone service in the service area(s) of Verizon Maine.
2. Order that Norcom shall comply with all applicable rules of the Commission.

Dated at Augusta, Maine this 21st day of November 2001.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch
Nugent
Diamond

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1. Reconsideration of the Commission's Order may be requested under Section 1004 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (65-407 C.M.R.110) within 20 days of the date of the Order by filing a petition with the Commission stating the grounds upon which reconsideration is sought.
2. Appeal of a final decision of the Commission may be taken to the Law Court by filing, within 30 days of the date of the Order, a Notice of Appeal with the Administrative Director of the Commission, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320 (1)-(4) and the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 73 et seq.
3. Additional court review of constitutional issues or issues involving the justness or reasonableness of rates may be had by the filing of an appeal with the Law Court, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320 (5).

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